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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to resources for families with premature infants.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 2497HH 83
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.175 PREMATURE INFANTS ==
1 2 RESOURCES.
1 3 1. By January 1, 2010, the department shall develop
1 4 written educational publications or provide linkages to
1 5 existing resources, to provide information and support to
1 6 families with infants who are born at less than thirty-seven
1 7 weeks gestational age.
1 8 2. The department shall, to the greatest extent possible,
1 9 ensure that the information is provided in a manner that is
1 10 accessible and understandable to parents notwithstanding their
1 11 socioeconomic status, educational level, gender, or age.
1 12 3. The department may consult with appropriate
1 13 organizations, agencies, and programs including those that
1 14 focus on premature infants or pediatric health care in
1 15 developing the written educational publications and in
1 16 providing linkages to the existing resources under this
1 17 section.
1 18 4. The department shall make the information available to
1 19 families through various types of media and through a variety
1 20 of sources including but not limited to the department's
1 21 internet website, local public health departments, empowerment
1 22 areas, the HOPES=HFI program, child health providers, maternal
1 23 care providers, hospitals, health care provider locations,
1 24 public and private programs that focus on infant, child, and
1 25 maternal health, and other appropriate entities.

EXPLANATION

1 26 This bill directs the department of public health, by
1 27 January 1, 2010, to develop written educational publications
1 28 or to provide linkages to existing resources, to provide
1 29 information and support to families with premature infants.
1 30 The information is to be provided in a manner that is
1 31 accessible and understandable to parents notwithstanding their
1 32 socioeconomic status, educational level, gender, or age. The
1 33 bill directs the department to consult with other appropriate
1 34 organizations, agencies, and programs including those that
2 1 focus on premature infants or pediatric health care in
2 2 developing the written educational publications and in
2 3 providing linkages to the existing resources, and directs the
2 4 department to make the information available through various
2 5 types of media and through a variety of sources including the
2 6 department's internet website and other existing appropriate
2 7 entities.
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